

# MARYLAND IS... SMART, GREEN & GROWING



MD Green Registry

## Green Your Business

Save money. Share your success. Inspire others. The Maryland Green Registry is a free way to promote your business or organization, save money and demonstrate your environmental commitment.

Collectively, members are saving more than \$79 million annually through sustainable practices.

Membership benefits include: free marketing and promotional materials including use of the Maryland Green Registry logo; promotional profile of your company's environmental efforts on the website; information and technical assistance for implementing environmental best practices, and more.

Whether you're just getting started in greening your facility or are looking to push your environmental program to the next level, join today to demonstrate your commitment to a strong, proactive approach to environmental management.

[mde.maryland.gov/marylandgreen](http://mde.maryland.gov/marylandgreen)



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Boonsboro Town Council member Barbara Wetzel shows the Maryland Green Registry decal at the town office building. Boonsboro as a whole has been a member since October 2013.

## Manure Happens

As spring planting season approaches, the Maryland Department of Agriculture is educating citizens and farmers alike on recycling and managing manure resources, as well as Maryland's rules governing these resources.

The Manure Resources website provides information on these topics and also offers information for farmers who currently use chemical fertilizers and may want to consider switching to manure.

The page provides links to additional materials available for farmers including grants, tax credits and technical guidance; scientific research on the benefits of manure as a crop fertilizer and soil amendment; and Governor Larry Hogan's new phosphorus initiative.

[mda.maryland.gov/manure](http://mda.maryland.gov/manure)



Claire Bowman

Herd of cows

## Celebrate Earth Day... Every Day

Earth Day, which began in the U.S. in 1970, has been celebrated around the world on April 22 since 1990. The Earth Day Network has launched a global campaign, A Billion Acts of Green, in 174 countries. To date, more than one billion acts have been carried out to help Mother Nature with a goal to reach 1.5 billion by Earth Day.

Imagine the impact if everyone in the world — all seven billion of us — did something to give back to the environment every day.

Fix leaky faucets. Choose nontoxic, naturally-derived cleaning products. Print on both sides of paper. Walk or ride a bike for your next errand. Even the simplest acts can make a difference.

[earthday.org](http://earthday.org)



Tamara Wilsher-Rivas

The world is in our hands.



DNR

Ride a bike for small errands.



NOAA

Zebra mussels

## Help Fight Invasive Species

DNR is always hard at work preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species, which can be extremely detrimental to native plants, animals and ecosystems as well as Maryland's economy.

The Department is currently focusing on combating zebra mussels, one invasive that has entered state waters like the Susquehanna River and the Northern Bay. Citizens can help prevent their spread by properly cleaning their boats and gear.

[dnr.maryland.gov/invasives](http://dnr.maryland.gov/invasives)



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Northern snakehead (above) and blue catfish (right) are two other problematic invasive species found in Maryland. Both, however, make for exciting fishing and excellent meals.

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